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NOTIFICATION

Dated: 23.06.2026

Whereas the use of Aadhaar number to establish identity enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency:

And whereas the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, after consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), had allowed *vide* its letter no. _eF.No. 22(8)/2026-CyberLaws_, dated _23.06.2026_ to the_ Department of Information Technology (DIT), UT of Lakshadweep_ (hereinafter referred to as the said Ministry or the said department or the said Agency), _Government of India, Lakshadweep Administration_ (hereinafter referred to as the said Government) for the purposes prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) that the said Government/Ministry/Department/Agency may be allowed to perform authentication and be permitted the use of Aadhaar number during authentication for establishing identity of Aadhaar number holder and notify the same under rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the Act):

And whereas, the Aadhaar authentication shall be performed for _identity verification of individual during e-permit application, ship ticket booking, electricity bill payment, appearance in recruitment examination_ (hereinafter referred to as the said purpose) as prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the said rules and the performance of Aadhaar authentication for the said purpose shall be on voluntary basis and that the said Ministry/Department/Agency shall perform the Aadhaar authentication only for cases mentioned below [hereinafter referred to as the use case(s)]. :

(a) citizens during issuance of e-permit & ship ticket and payment of electricity bill;

(b) (i) candidates during various stages of examination process and at the time of their joining; and

(b) (ii) examination functionaries involved in examinations conducted by the department, to prevent impersonation, duplication, fraudulent activities, and to ensure data accuracy & integrity, using Yes/No or/and eKYC authentication facilities.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Act, the said Ministry/Department/Agency hereby notifies the following, namely: —

1. (1) The Ministry/Department/Agency, as provided in the Act, shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder for the purpose of authentication herein.

(2) As per sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the said rules, Aadhaar authentication is on voluntary basis the Ministry/Department/Agency shall inform to the Aadhaar number holder of alternate and viable means of identification and shall not deny any service to the Aadhaar number holder for refusing to, or being unable to, undergo Aadhaar authentication, namely: —

(a) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card
(b) Passport
(c) Voter Identity Card
(d) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988)

2. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

Sd/-

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